

BOOK NOTICES

AVERETT, JOHN E. (ed.) 1991. **Proceedings of the Conference: Landscaping with Wild Flowers and Native Plants.** March 13-15, 1991. (pbk). National Wild Flower Research Center, 2600 FM 973 North, Austin, TX 78725. No price given. 125 pp.

This publication is a special issue of the journal, *Wild Flower* 4:(3). There are 24 papers. A few papers address the use of wild flowers and other native plants in woodland gardens, meadows and also for formal landscape designs. Most of the papers emphasize the ecological benefits of planting indigenous plants.—*Krishna Puttaparthi*

BONTA, M. M. 1991. **Women in the Field.** (ISBN 0-89096-489-0, pbk). Texas A&M University Press, College Station, TX 77843. \$13.95. 299 pp.

The accomplishments of the women naturalists (one person per chapter) speak for themselves, but anyone wishing to know about the *lives* of the women will want this volume. To the readers of *Sida*, the most familiar of these "women in the field" will be those in part 3, Botanists: Kate Furbish, Kate Brandegee, Alice Eastwood, Ynes Mexia, Mary Sophia Young, Elizabeth Gertrude Knight Britton, and Agnes Chase. Pioneers, Naturalists, Entomologists, Ornithologists, and Ecologists are covered in the remaining parts. Biographical data on other noteworthy women, including E. Lucy Braun ("... only a small part of her life has been pieced together by reading secondary sources") are found in the introduction to each part. Well and interestingly written, and illustrated with 30 black-and-white photographs of the protagonists and their work, the book is highly recommended.—*John W. Thieret*.

GOODLAND, ROBERT. 1990. **Race to Save the Tropics.** (ISBN 1-55963-040-X, pbk). Island Press, Suite 300, 1718 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009. No price given. 219 pp.

This book focuses on applied tropical ecology and development issues in tropical countries. It is a compilation of works from some of the world's experts on applied tropical ecology. The contents are Applied Ecology, Agro Ecology, Agricultural Pest Management, Tropical Forest Management, The Role of Applied Ecology in Designing Dams, Teaching Applied Ecology in Developing Countries, and Importance of Applied Ecology in Conservation Strategies in the Tropics. The volume has a bibliography, appendixes, a list of contributors and an index.—*Krishna Puttaparthi*.